



Shown at the Schrop presentation are (L-R) Front Row — Lisa Parr, Jessica Goehler, Lucas Fockler and Laura Fagert; Back Row — Attorney Michael DelMedico, Christopher Wilkes, bike winner Karen Parker, Principal Roger Plaster and Attorney Maura Scanlon.



Bike helmet safety contest

SPRINGFIELD — Due to their writing efforts, seven children at Schrop Elementary School are bicycle helmet winners, and one helmet winner received a bike, in a helmet safety contest sponsored by the law firm of Scanlon & Gearing of Akron.

At a special safety assembly children were taught about the need to "Buckle Up Your Brain" and invited to write a poem, rap, or paragraph about why wearing a helmet is important. Entries were judged by members of the law firm on creativity, content and originality, and a winner selected for each grade level.

Helmet winners were announced by Attorneys Maura Scanlon and Michael Del Medico on May 15 at an all-school presentation assembly. They were: First grade — Lisa Parr; Second grade — Karen Parker; Third grade — Amber Carsey; Fourth grade — Jessica Goehler; Fifth grade — Lucas Fockler; Sixth Grade — Chris-

topher Wilkes; and a special People's Choice award to Laura Fagert (grade 4).

From the helmet winners, one name was drawn to win a bike; winner of a new maroon Electra Pacific 24 inch bike was Karen Parker.

Scanlon & Gearing Co., LPA, decided to actively promote helmet safety after one of their attorneys, Mark Hilkert, had a bicycle accident. Thanks to the helmet he wore, which cracked from front to back in the fall, he avoided serious injury.

This is the third year the firm has sponsored the helmet safety contest in 10 area schools to educate children

about the importance of helmets.

Other schools participating in this year's safety contest are: Findlay, King, Portage Path, Lincoln and St. Sebastian (all of Akron); Johnson in Barberton; West Main in Ravenna; Newberry in Cuyahoga Falls; and Clinton Elementary.